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the speech of some people becomes so hopelessly inflated that they end by being verbally bankrupt.

Whenever our words promise more than we can pay we are entering upon the deadly process of inflation. Whenever they express more than we really mean we are using bank notes without adequate relation to the gold which is in the bank. Whenever we say what we do not mean at all we have left the realm of inflation and have begun the process of counterfeiting.

A nation may suffer from verbal inflation. During the war our whole speech glowed with a tremendous moral idealism. It is necessary now to match all these winged words with the realities for which they stood. The currency of our idealism was scattered all over the world. Now everywhere there is a call for the gold back of the paper. And the call is proving disconcerting to those by whom words were not related to realities of honest purpose.

Just as we stand in need of physical production so that all our manufacturing establishments shall hum with activity, so we are in need of moral production to balance the currency which has been sent forth so lavishly. If we are to be saved from moral bankruptcy we must make our product in character equal our product in speech.

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#### A CORRECTION

In connection with her article in the Round Table in the September number, Miss Lillian E. Whiton, of Long Beach, California, was reported to be connected with the junior high school there. For this blunder the editors take all the responsibility.